

REMARKS

The examiner allowed claims 1-18.

Independent claim 19 has been amended to overcome the rejection of claims 19-20 which was based on Kronberg and Nakasuji. Claim 19 has been amended to specify that the thermochromic composition is not enclosed but is rather uncovered and exposed to view. In Kronberg it is enclosed by enamel.

This amendment is supported by the specification because the instant patent application explicitly incorporates by reference US patent application no. 10/612,315 for a Heating Element Accessory Having Warning Device, filed July 2, 2003, which application describes spraying the thermochromic composition on to the device without another substance covering it. See page 14, last full sentence, page 20, 2nd full paragraph of 10/612315. In this regard, page 20, 2nd full paragraph of the specification of application 10/612315 explicitly states:

“Thermochromic composition 20 does not require a container to house it and does not require an overcoat of another substance to cover it or contain it. It is applied directly to the surface and allowed to dry and remain on the surface without the need for a covering or cured with a UV dryer.”

The fact that the thermochromic composition is not covered also means that it is exposed to view. Thus, the amendment language “the thermochromic composition uncovered and exposed to view” is supported by the specification.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance and are novel and nonobvious in relation to the prior art.

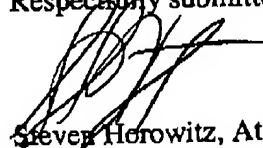
It is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered.

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Since the foregoing arguments are understood to place the application in condition for allowance, allowance of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

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